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TURTLEMAN



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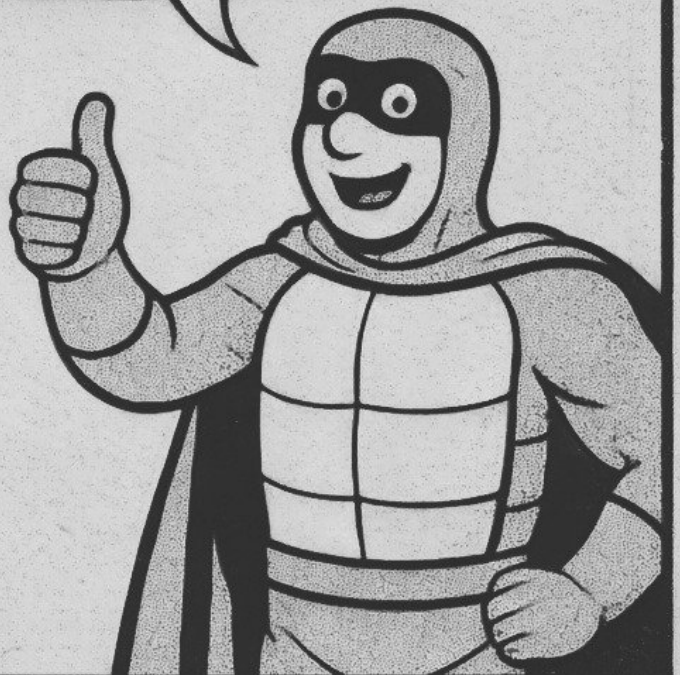
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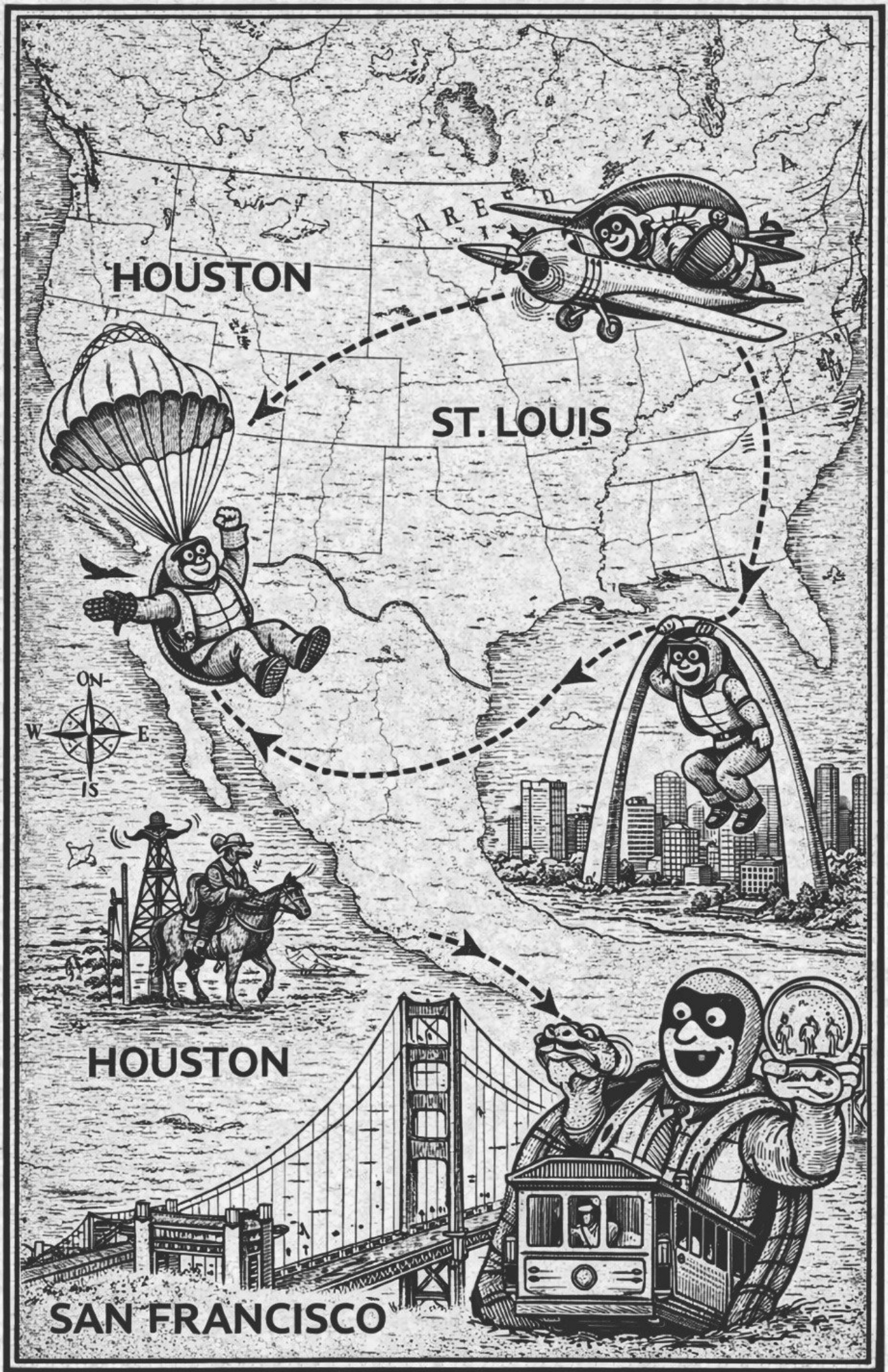
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Based on actual lies: any resemblance
between any characters in this comic with
real living people is a miracle.

HATERS BE HATERS.
TO ALL YOUSE HATERS OUT
THERE, WE LOVE YA!





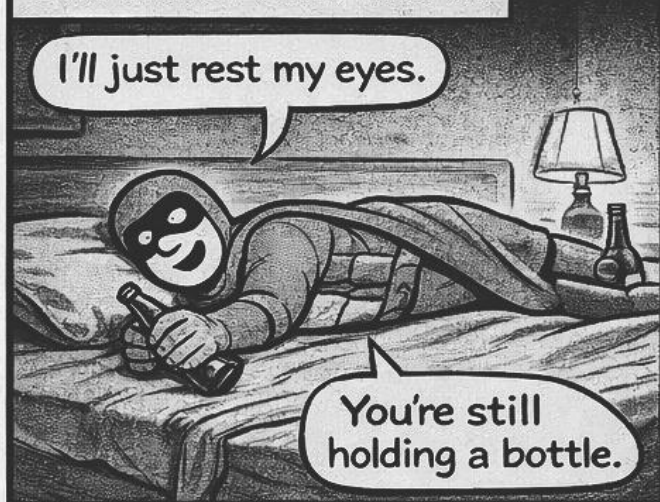
THE NIGHT BEFORE: IMPORTANT
SUPERHERO PREPARATION.



TURTLEMAN LOSES COUNT.



STRATEGIC EARLY NIGHT.



EMERGENCY ARRIVES.



STEALTH TRANSPORT.



HEROES TRAVEL ECONOMY CLASS.



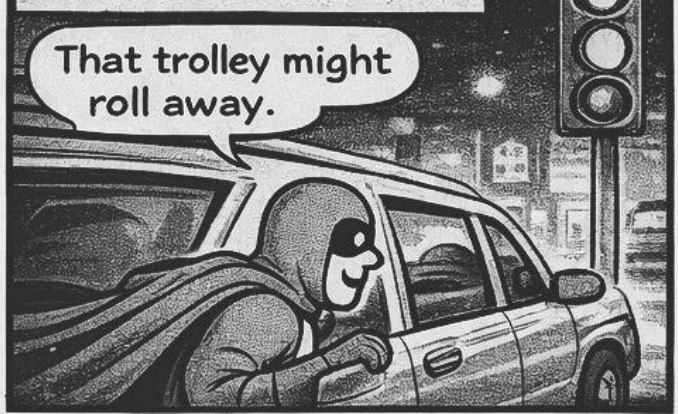
THE JOURNEY BEGINS.

Long flight?



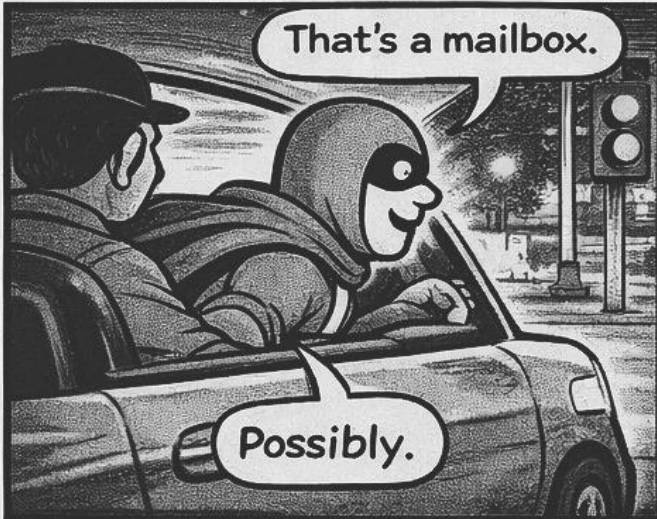
CONSTANT VIGILANCE.

That trolley might roll away.



That's a mailbox.

Possibly.



ARRIVAL.

I've defeated heavier enemies.



ARRIVAL.

I've defeated heavier enemies.



OFFICIAL SUPERHERO BUSINESS.

Passport please.

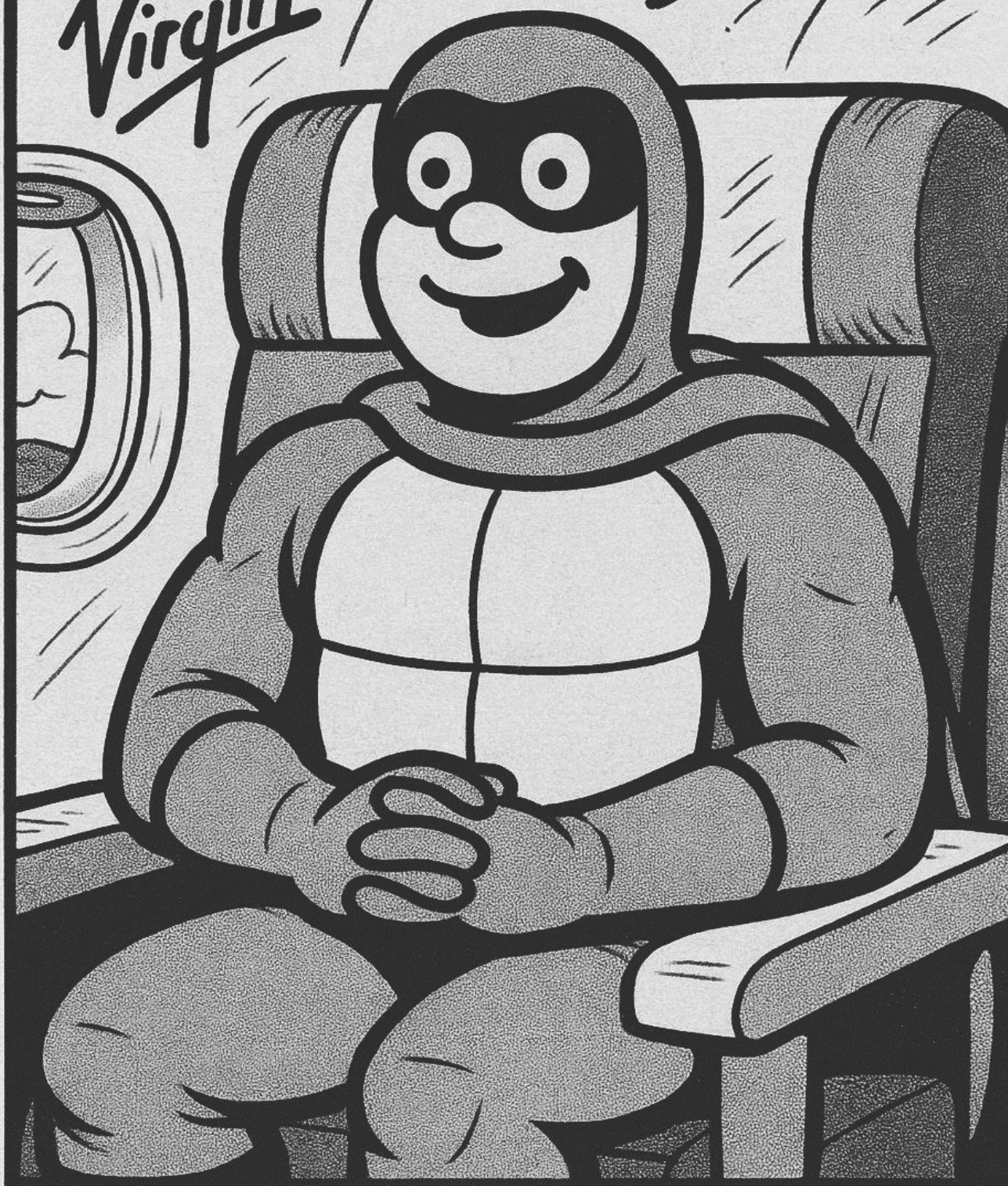


Certainly.



MAN, VIRGIN AIRLINES
IS GREAT

Virgin



THE PLANE WAITING. HERE,
TURTLEMAN FEELS AT HOME.



ALWAYS APPROACH DISCOMFORT
HEROICALLY.



MAXIMUM COMFORT.



STATE-OF-THE-ART
ENTERTAINMENT.



AN UNLIMITED SELECTION
OF ACTION MOVIES.



HEROES ENJOY THE FINER THINGS.



GLOBAL ENTRY. A WORLD FIRST
FOR TURTLEMAN.



STRAIGHT TO BAGGAGE CLAIM.



WEIRD ARSE UNDERGROUND
SUBWAY TRAIN.



AND FINALLY... HOTEL ARRIVAL.



HOME BASE ESTABLISHED.



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.



65 KILOMETERS LATER.



TURTLEMAN MAKES HIS ENTRANCE

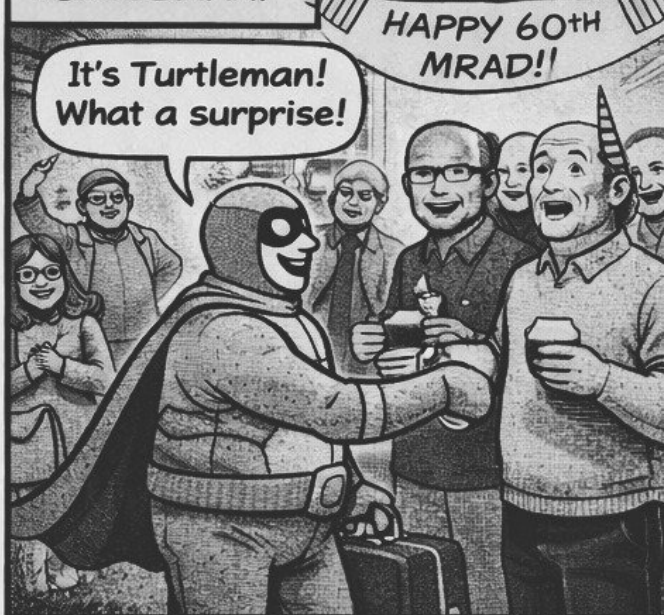


SURPRISE!



TURTLEIMAN.

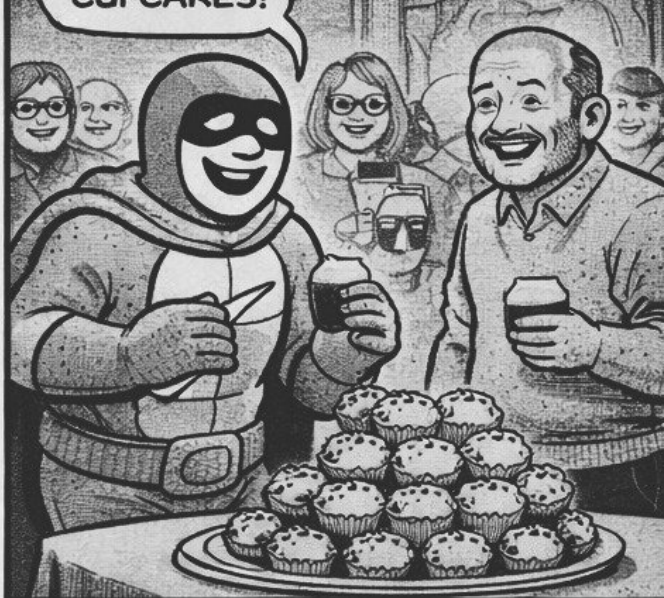
HAPPY 60TH MRAD!!



ALL AGES GATHER TO CELEBRATE BRAD.



OH, LOOK! TURTLE-SIZED-CUPCAKES!

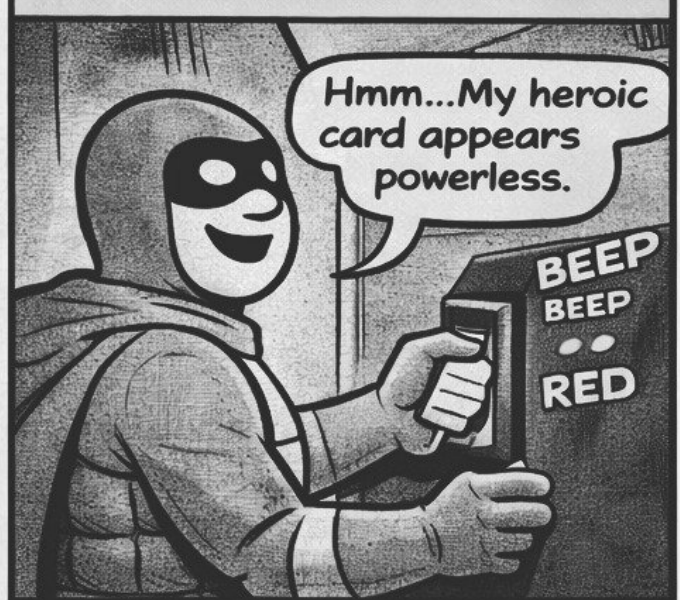




ONE UBER LATER...



THE DOOR KEY MALFUNCTIONS.



AGAIN AND AGAIN.



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PROBLEMS SOLVED...



TEAMWORK ACHIEVES VICTORY!



Big solves rarely announce themselves.

Free radicals enter polymer colloids through aqueous initiation, particle surface capture, and nucleation events.

Once you see it, you wonder why you didn't earlier.

Smaller was the whole point.

Short diffusion paths, fast enzymes, clean signal chains.

Blood glucose does not like waiting.

Making heavy things light.

Control density with void structure, fibres carry stress, curing does the rest.

Making heavy things light.

Control density with void structure, fibres carry stress, curing does the rest.

Air is useful if you tell it where to sit.

Experimental phase. Long dataset.

Kiss enough princesses to learn pattern recognition.

Open problem. No closed form solution.

Create stability. Apologise when wrong. Stay present.

Welcome to modern navigation.

TERMINAL B

**B CLOSED FOR
RENOVATION** ↓

Terminal B.
Great.

Reality check.

Excuse me, where is
Terminal B?

It's being
renovated.

So it's... not
here.

Reality check.

Excuse me, where is Terminal B?

It's being
renovated.

B DEPARTURES
CHECK IN AT C
→

The secret is printed in 6 point font.

Flying from Terminal B today?

Apparently from
Terminal C.

Administrative heroism.

Flying from Terminal B today?

Apparently from Terminal C.

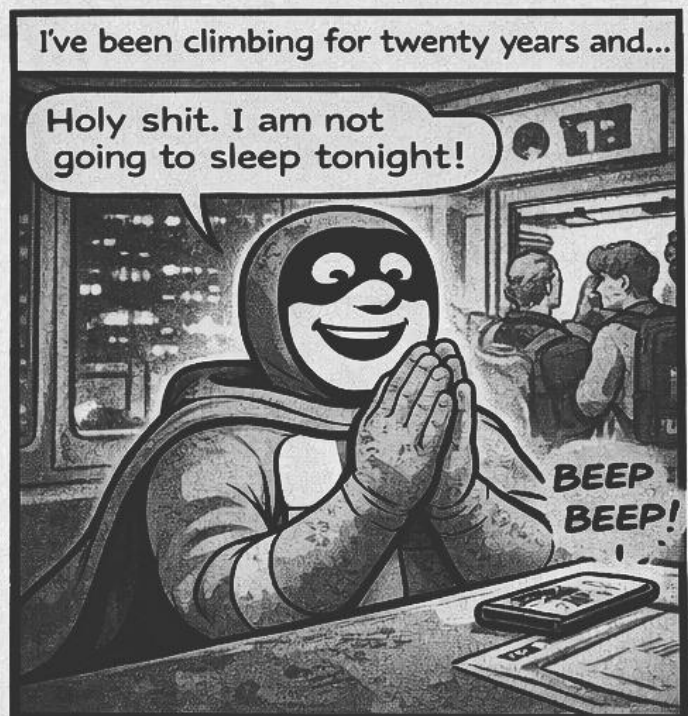
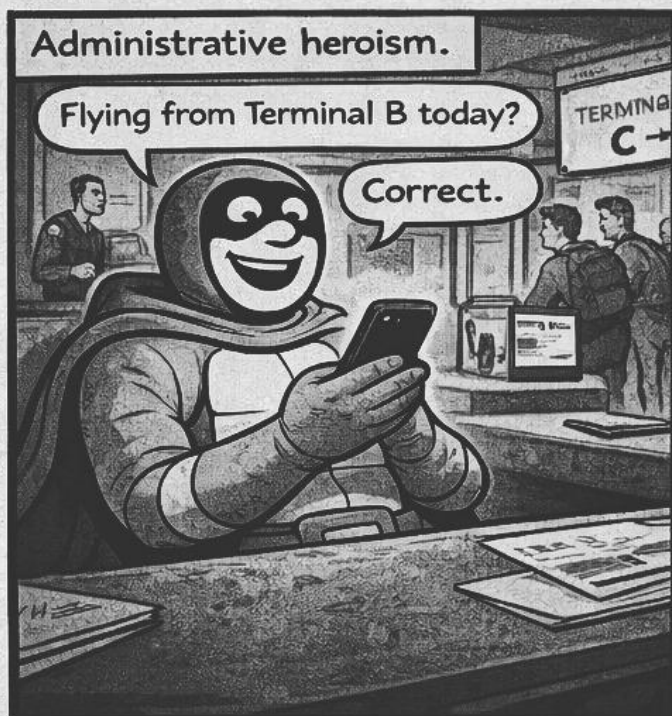
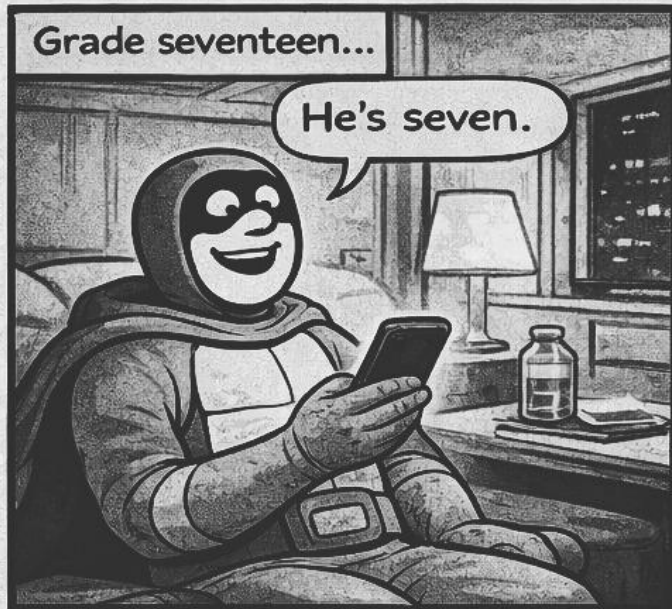
Correct.

We arrive at the place that is not a place.

So we go to Terminal C to go
to Terminal B to fly from Terminal B.

This is why I wear a mask.

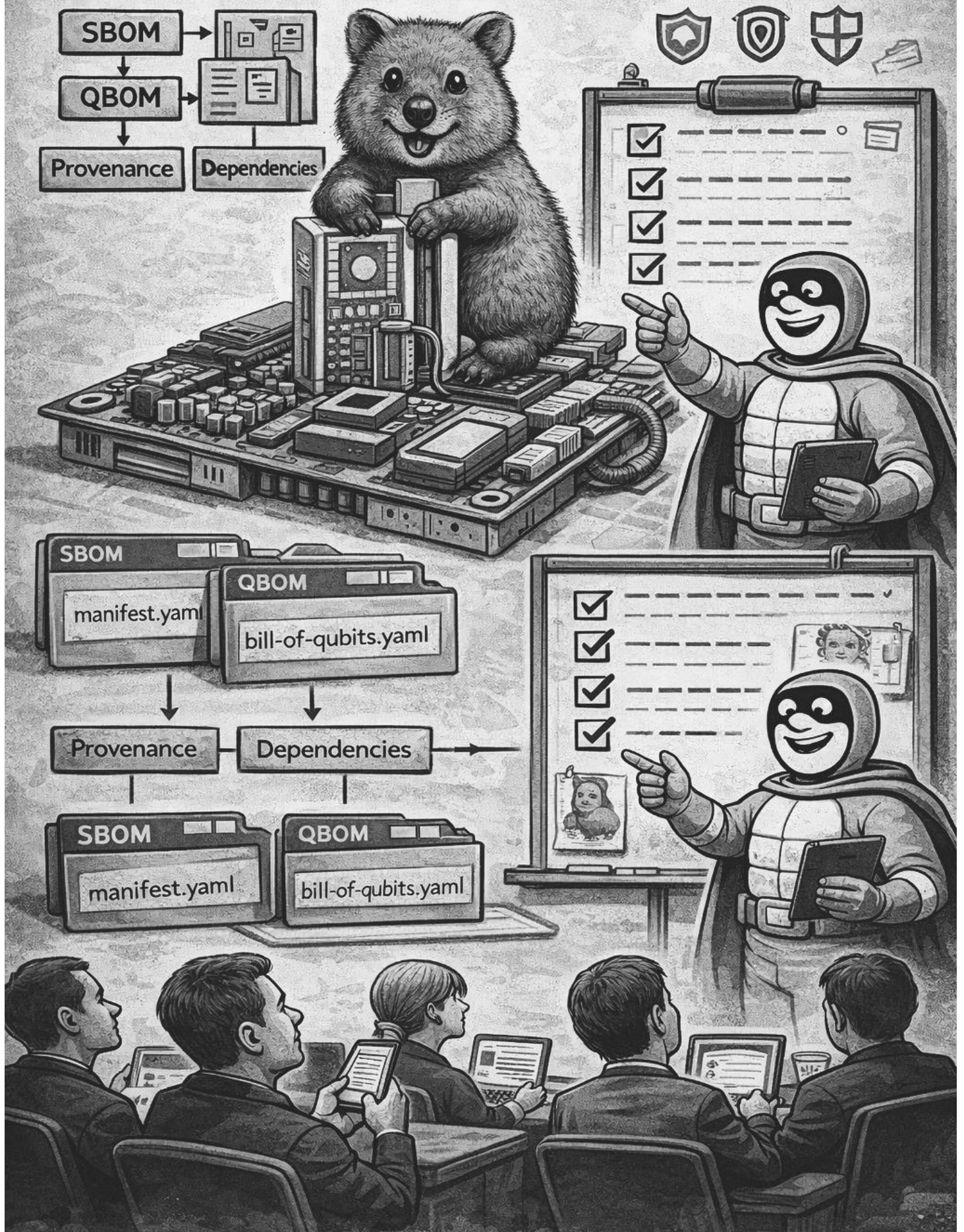
TURTLEMAN READS NEWS FROM HOME

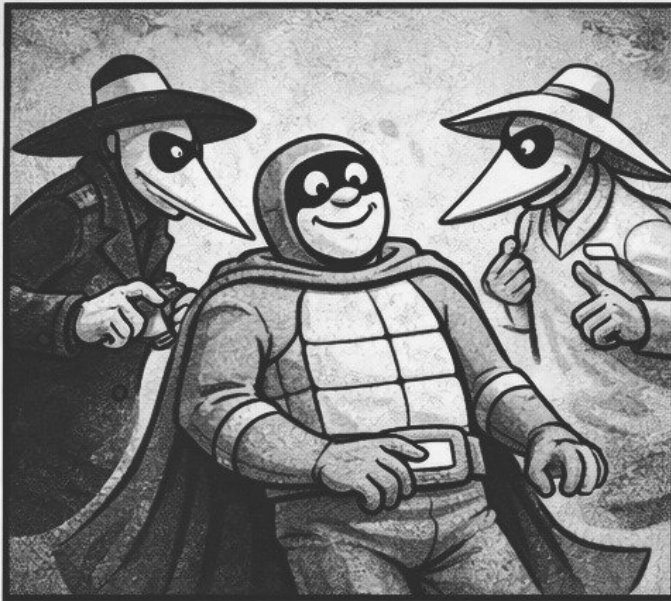




MODERN SECURITY BUREAUCRACY

SBOM, QBOM & QUOKKA TRAINING





St. Louis. Inbound from Houston.
United loses my bag.



It says right here
I had in Houston!



Are you sure?

Usibel.

Oh, I sure have
checked. It was there.

What's in the bag?

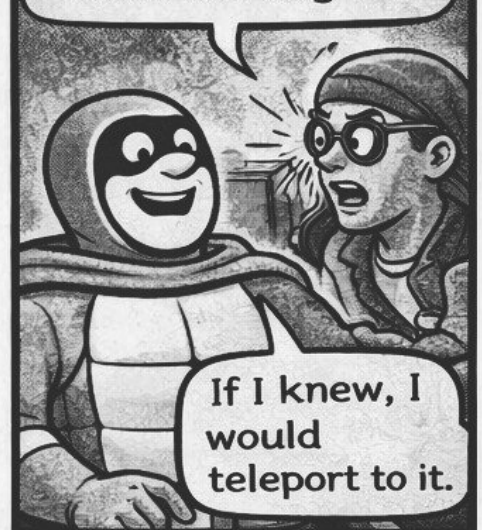


Everything for
one day only. My
Onetime gear.

It means find
my bag!!!!



So... where do you
think the bag is?



If I knew, I
would
teleport to it.

I'm sorry for the
Inconvenience.

No, you
aren't.



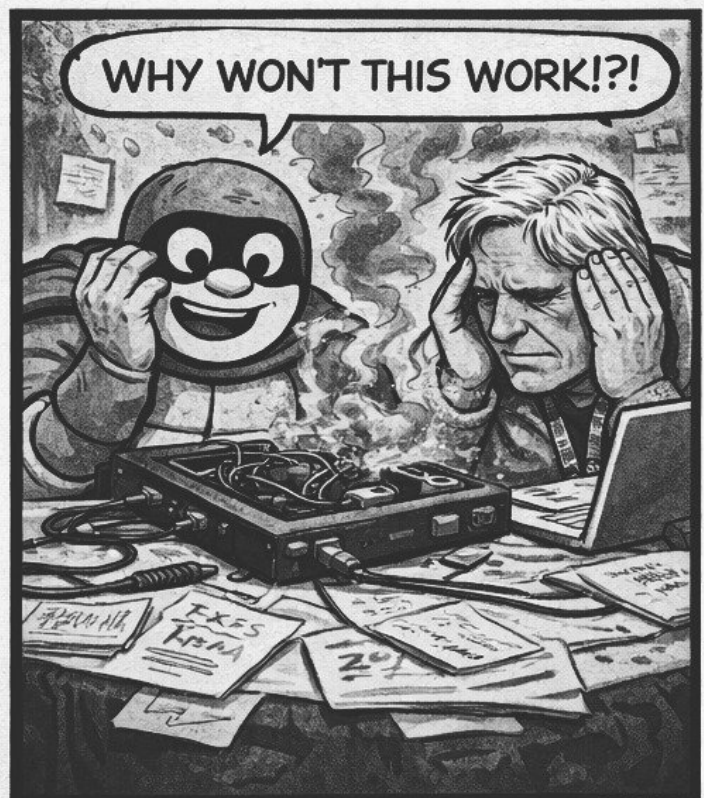
Sir, you need
to leave.

With the bag,
I did?



Finally got my bag. Took a taxi to the
St. Louis Union Station Hotel.
Wow... what a beautiful place!







Opening night. Systems temporarily ignored.

At least it's not smoking anymore.

That's tomorrow's problem.



Field-tested morale solution.

Beer improves signal quality.

It mostly improves attitude.



Nutrition phase.

Fish sounds safe.

LAUNDY'S



Post-mortem without blame.

We'll swap the antenna order tomorrow.

And recheck the grounding.



Professional separation ritual.

See you at the booth.

Bright and early.



ommm

Mail from the state. Always relaxing.

Excellent. My marriage certificate.

Proof that paperwork happened.



Plot twist, introduced by a checkbox.



Re-reading is a classic debugging.

Maybe "divorced" means "married" in government English. Like "terminal B"



Contacting support.

Hello. My certificate says I'm divorced.

Are you divorced?

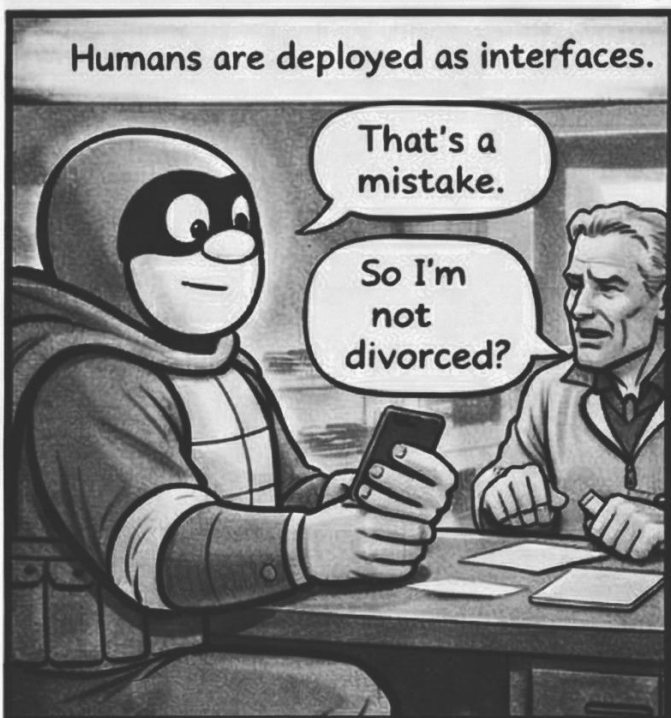
I'm calling showage I don't know.



Humans are deployed as interfaces.

That's a mistake.

So I'm not divorced?



This page is a Segway.



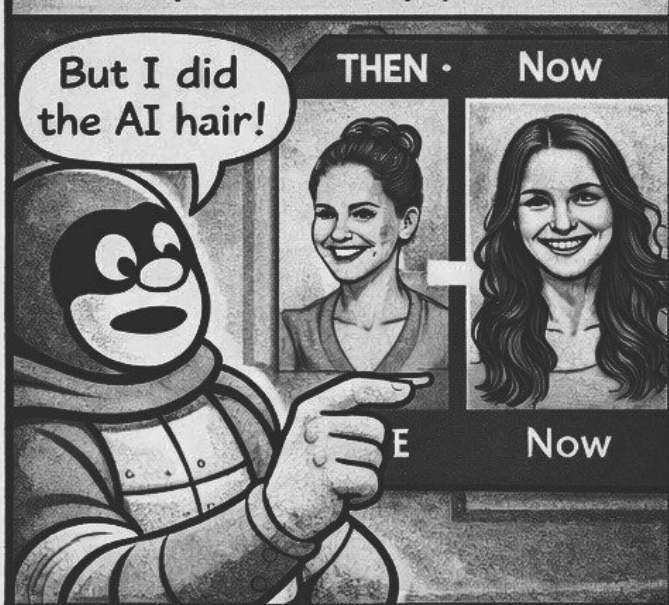
Turtleman checks his phone.



Her new WhatsApp photo.



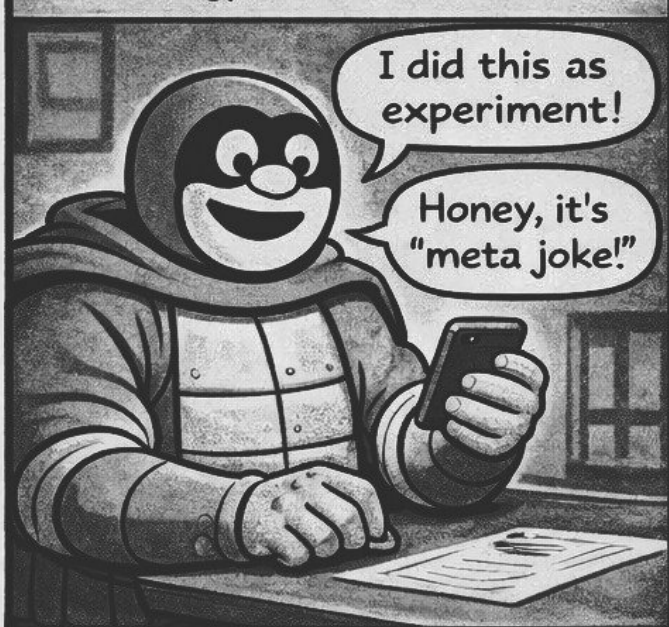
AI "help", now eerily predictive.



That's her actual hair now?



Technology makes fools of us all.



Status: uneasy.



Black and White and Red All Over

My new VC firm!

Hgigl

Emergent
Turtle
Partners

Climate
Resilience

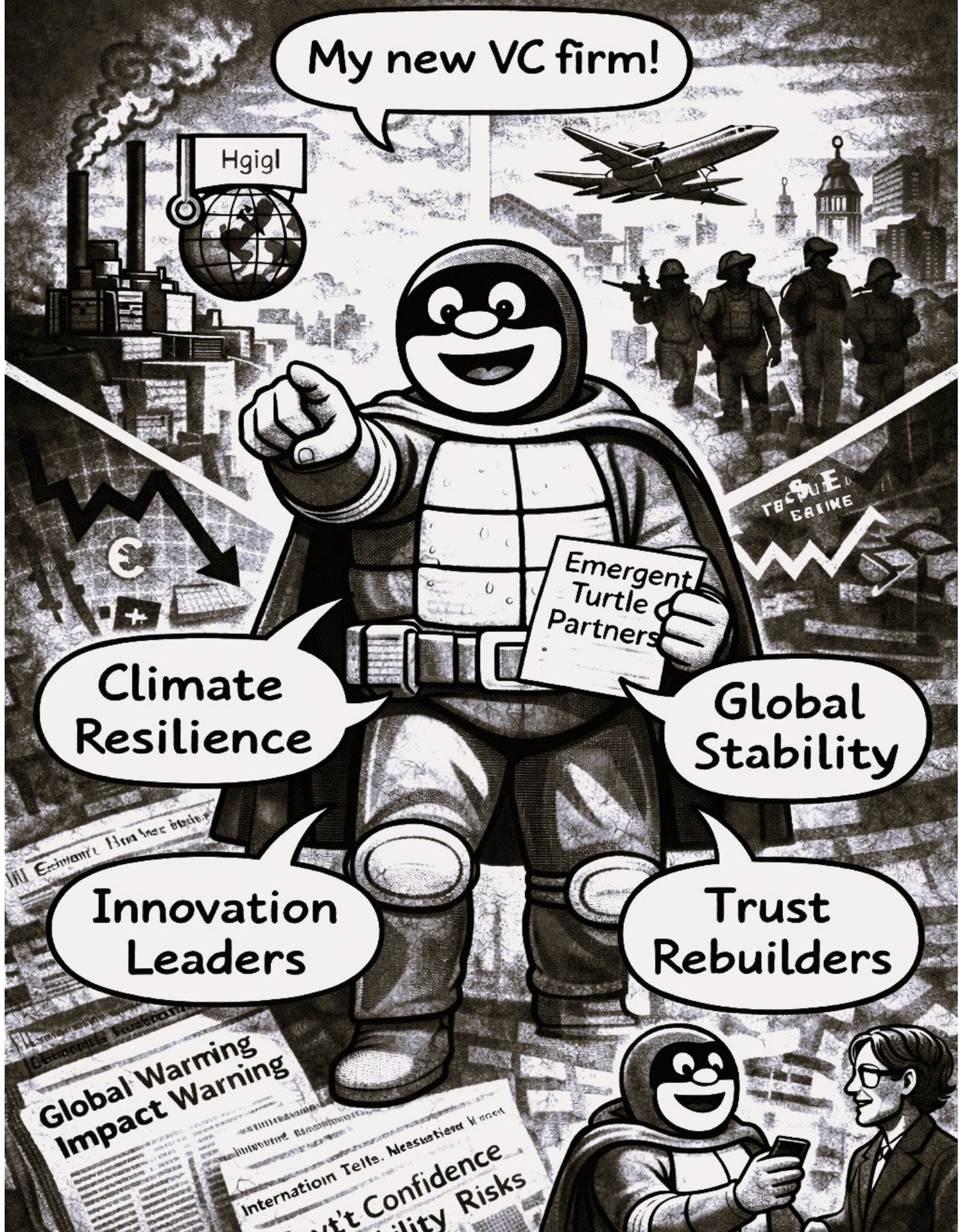
Global
Stability

Innovation
Leaders

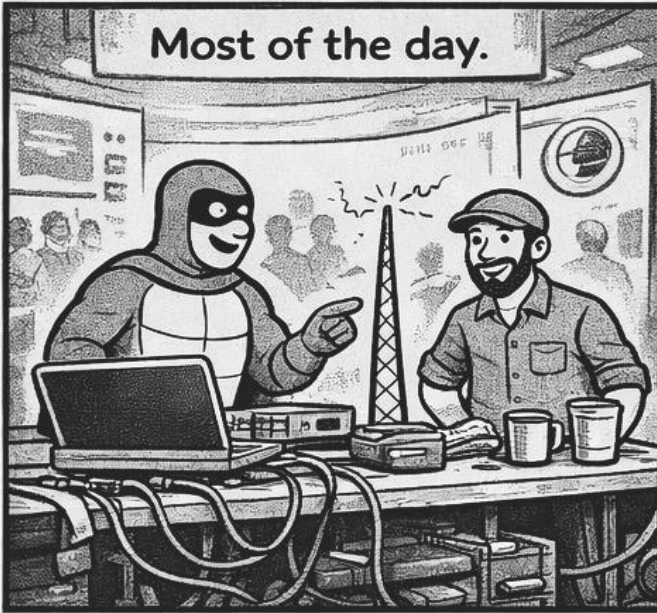
Trust
Rebuilders

Global Warming
Impact Warning

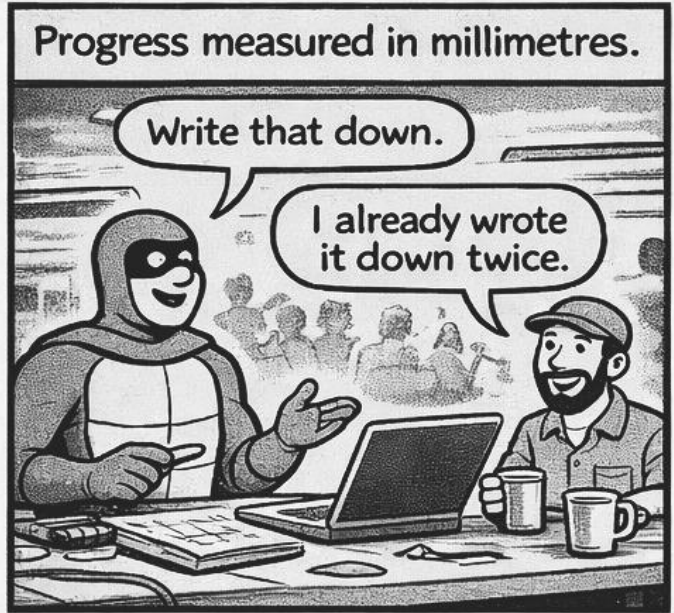
International Tells, Neostatement of recent
Confidence
Risks



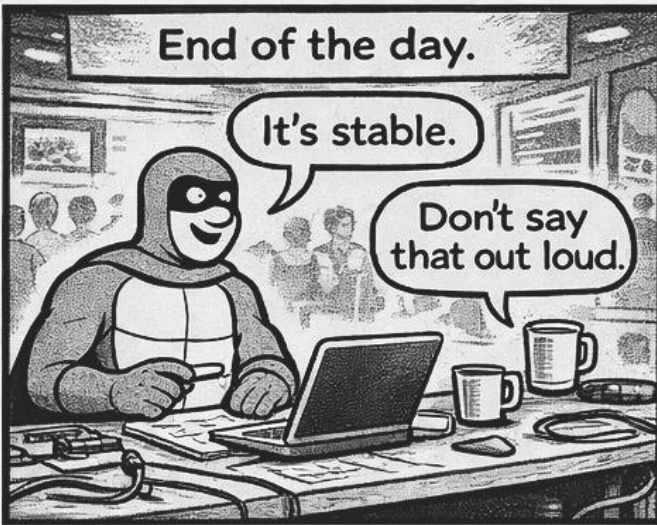
Most of the day.



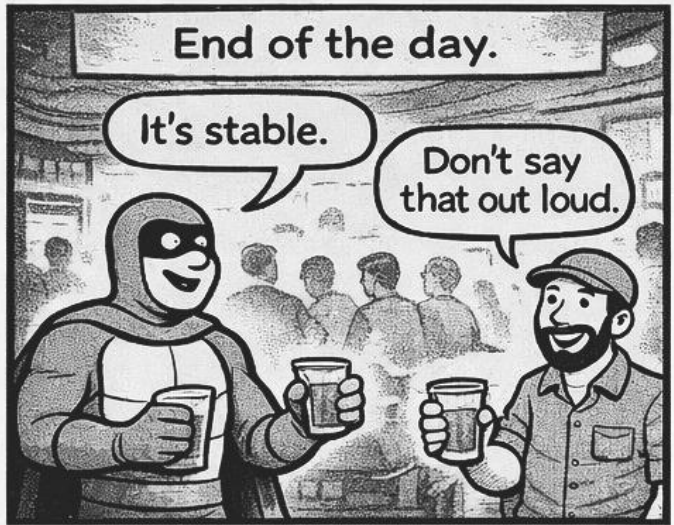
Progress measured in millimetres.



End of the day.



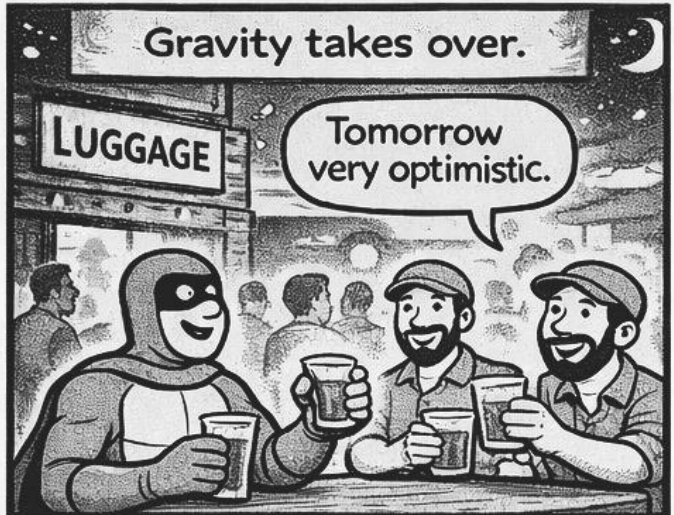
End of the day.



Official decompression.



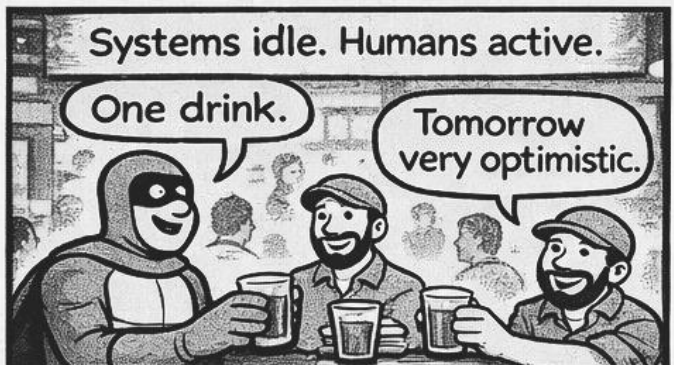
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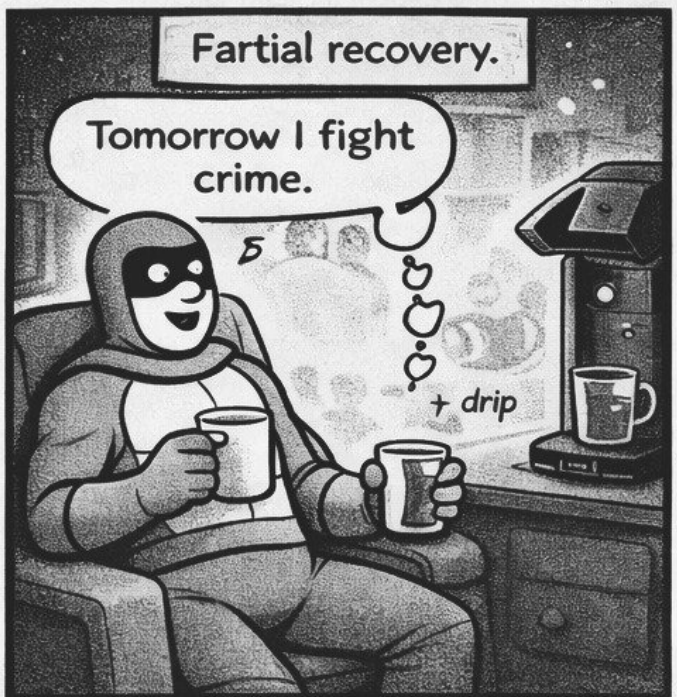
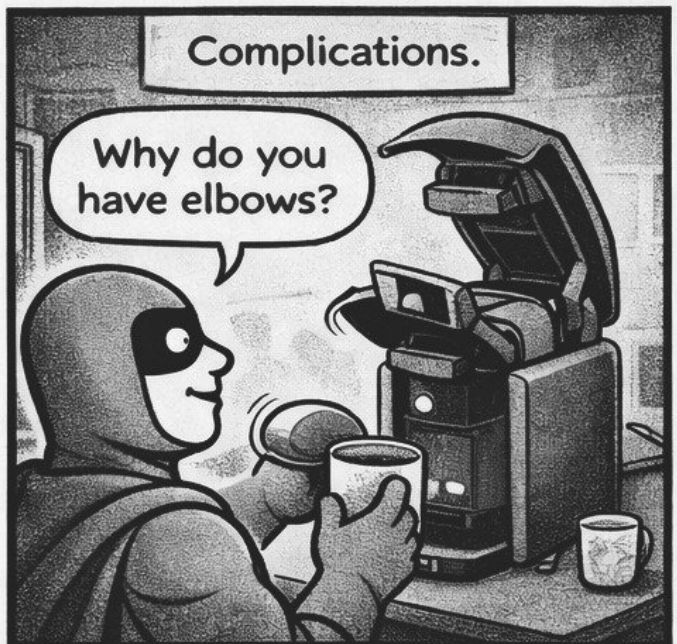
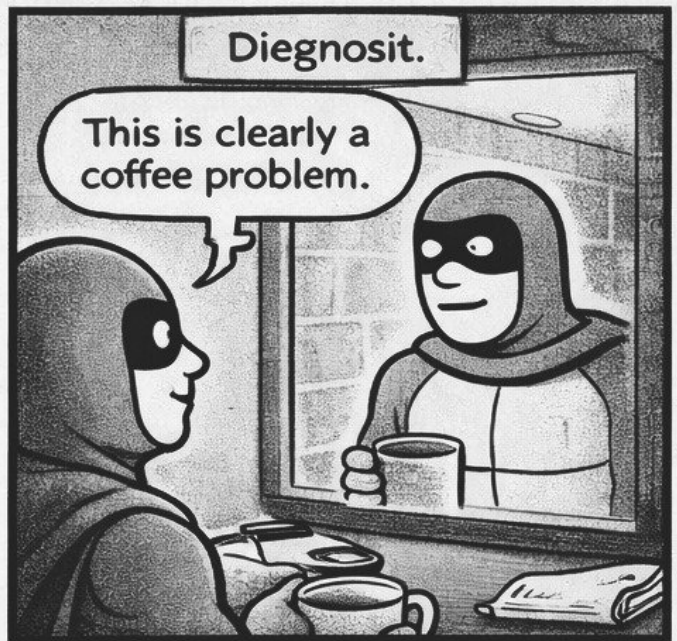


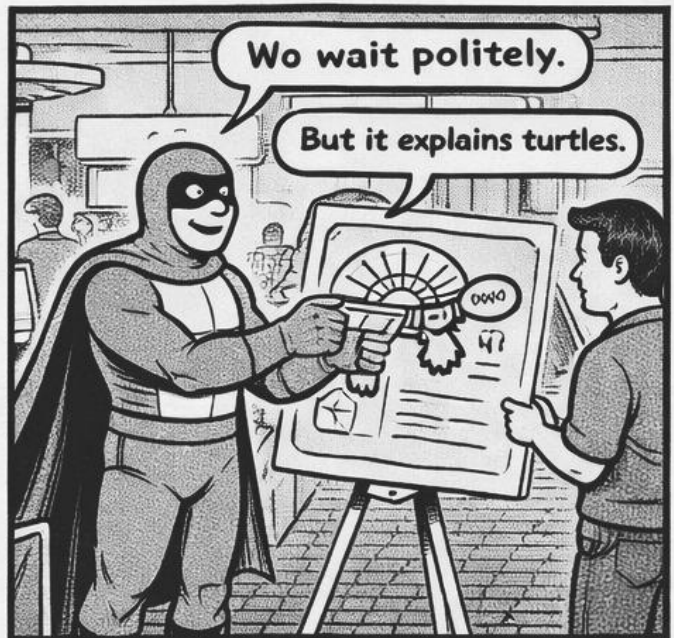
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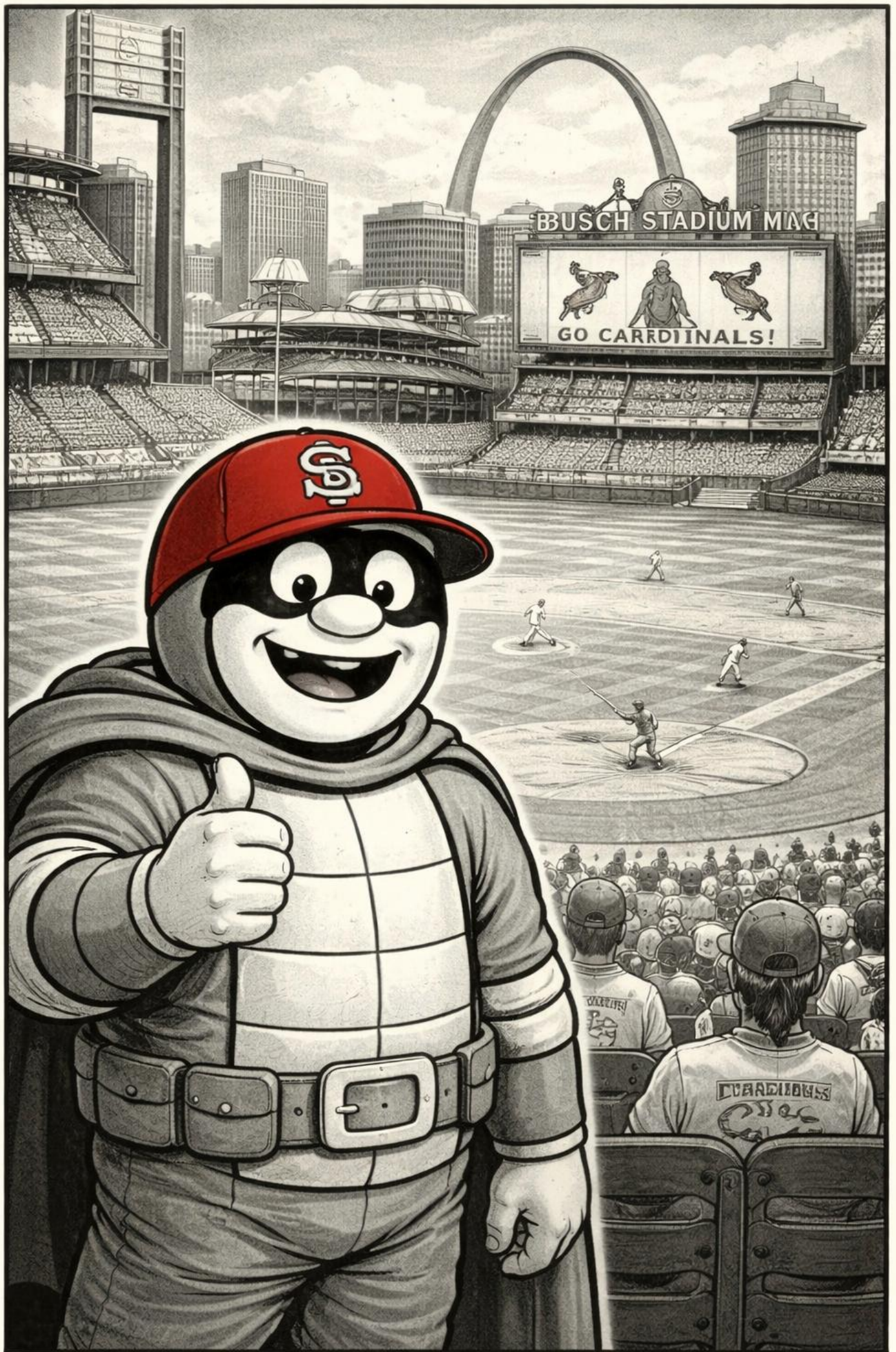


Systems idle. Humans active.

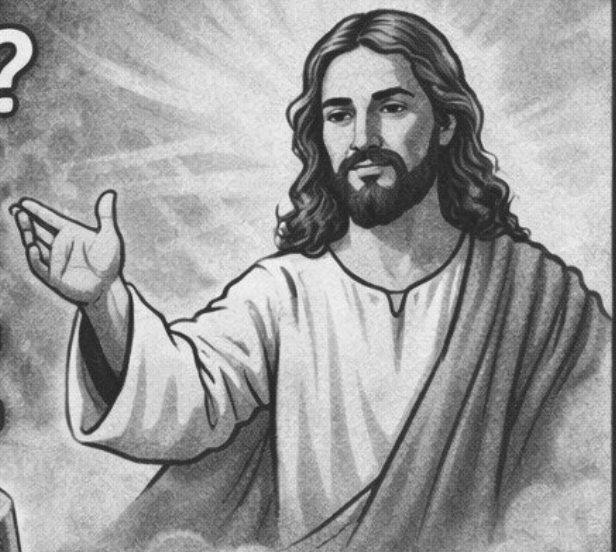
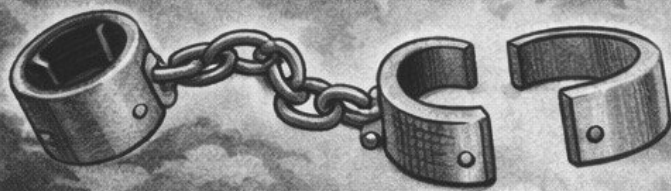


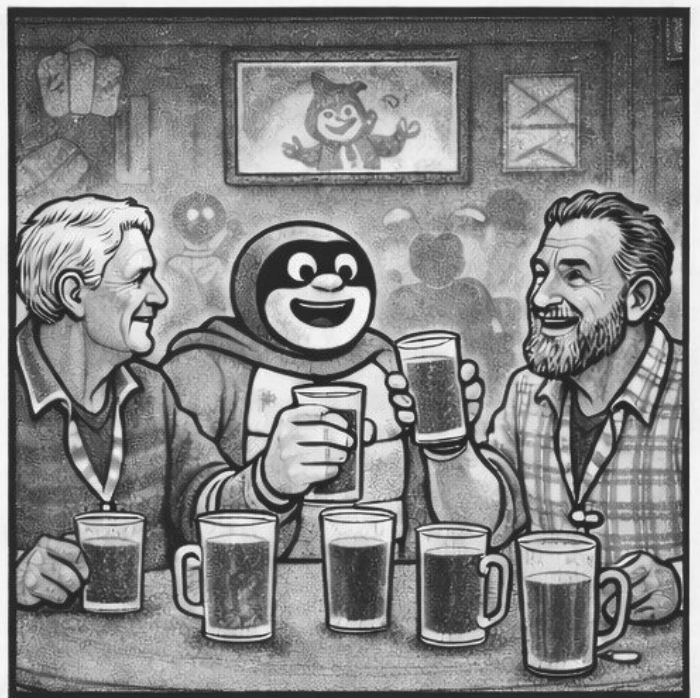
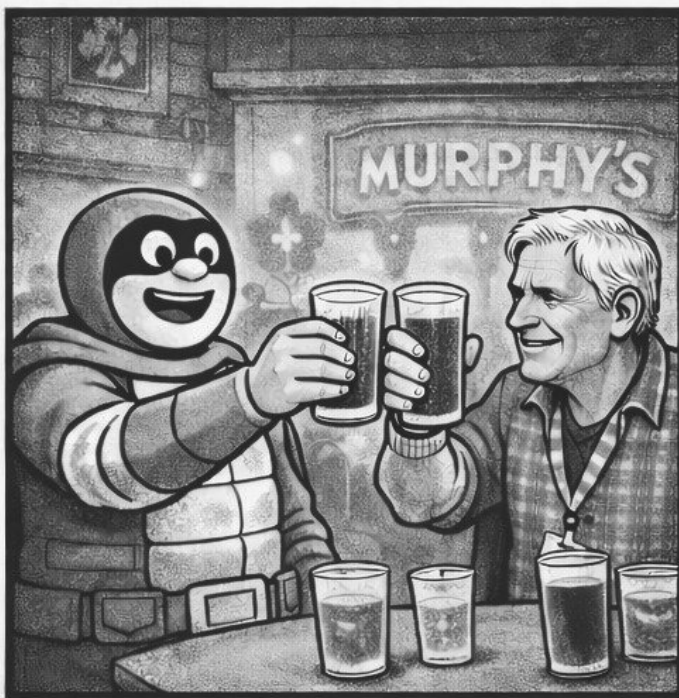
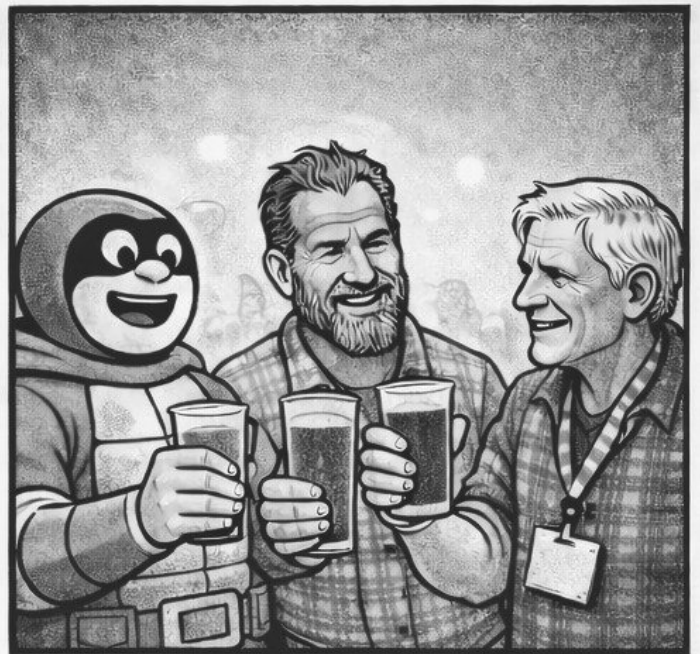
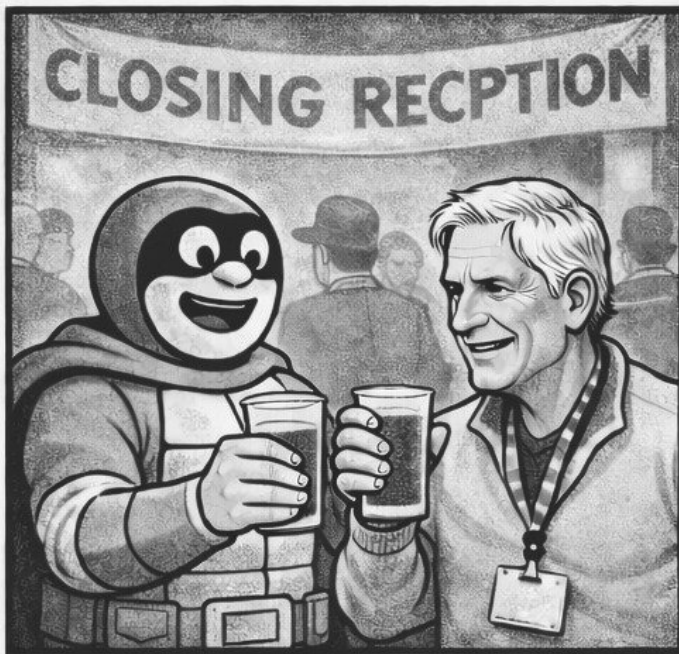






Shackled by lust?
JESUS
SETS FREE







FREE SPEECH BOOTH



NOTICE

AREA BEHIND THIS BOOTH
IS DESIGNATED OPERATED FOR
FREE SPEECH ACTIVITY
COURTS LITIGAL ACTIVITY.

THE COURTS LITERALLY HAVED
AND G F RNSIMENT ENL DTE
GEFFNER / SANIGE IS SSOT OO
AND ANONE'S MESSAGE.

THE PROPRATY OWNERSHIP
F PROPERTY OWNERSHIP
INVITE AL CONTENT.



Congratulations!

We'll buy the
new timing system



We'll buy the new
timing system.



Catches an Uber to the airport.

To the
airport,
please.



Catches his flight to the airport.

Goodbye
Anerica!

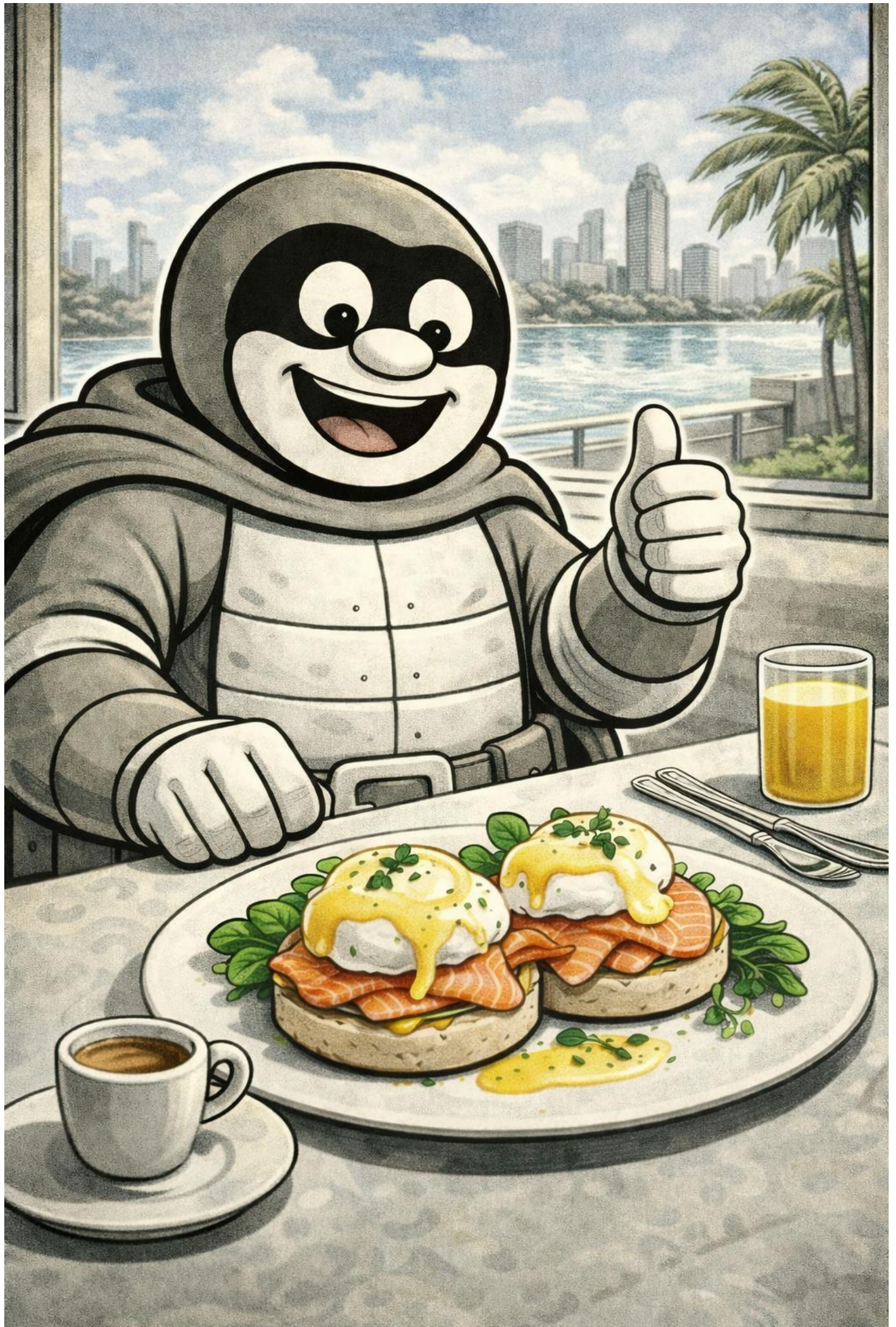


Goodbye America!



Hello Brisbane!





TURTLE MAN

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MOST HARMLESS MAN ALIVE

Turtle Man is the undefeated Supreme Grand Master of Being Politely In The Way. Turtle Man won the World Overall Kindly Arts Championship (Beginner And Also Still Beginner Divisions) after out-waiting the world's top masters of: QUEUING, APOLOGISING, ASKING WHERE THE TOILETS ARE, HOLDING DOORS TOO LONG, CARRYING GROCERIES ONE BAG AT A TIME, and LOOKING FOR HIS CAR KEYS WHILE HOLDING THEM. On an extremely ordinary Tuesday, the International Federation of Minor Heroics crowned Turtle Man: "THE WORLD'S MOST INEFFECTIVE CRIME STOPPER AND COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD."



**NOW... THE WORLD'S MOST GENTLE
"FIGHTING" SECRETS CAN BE YOURS
FREE**

BROCHURE INCLUDES:

- The Eight Ancient Arts of Not Making A Fuss
- The Secret Palm Strike Of Lightly Tapping A Shoulder Then Saying "Sorry"
- How To Stand Near Trouble Until It Sorts Itself Out
- Emergency Cape Techniques For: Drafts; Sunburn, Spilled Ice Cream, Awkward Conversations
- The Legendary Turtle Shuffle, used to approach a problem, then forget why you approached it
- Advanced Villain Neutralisation: giving them directions to the Port, by mistake

BONUS FREE GIFT:

SOFT-SHELL SOCIETY

Officially recognised by: no-one, but it looks important)



SOFT-SHELL SOCIETY, Dept. TM-12
P.Q., box 122.

Noticeboard City, Somewhere Important

Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Signature (optional, but Turtle Man insists) _____



REAL CASE STUDIES:

- Stopped a runaway shopping trolley by shouting "Excuse me" at the wrong person
- Foiled a bank robbery by holding the door for the robber, causing an awkward delay.
- Rescued a cat by reading a pamphlet about ladders.
- Saved the day by driving to "the other side of the world" for no reason whatsoever.
- Nearly helped, then organised everyone into a tidy line instead.



RUSH MY FREE BROCHURE ON TURTLE MAN'S SOFT-SHELL SOCIETY.

YES. I WANT TO LEARN THE WORLD'S MOST POLITE HERO METHODS.

- ☐ The Brochure _____
- ☐ The Membership Card _____
- ☐ The Emergency Cape Fold-Out Chart _____

ENCLOSED IS 12¢ TO COVER POSTAGE, HANDLING, AND UNNECESSARY FORMALITY

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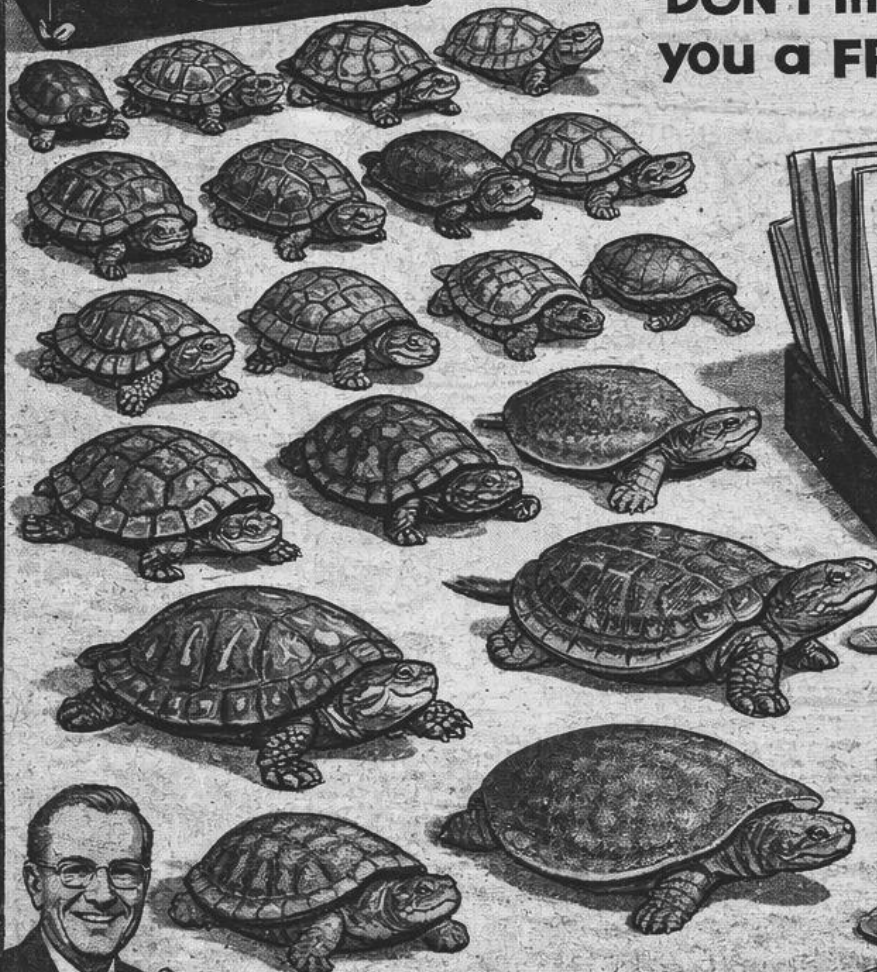
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THIS SPARE TIME TURTLE BUSINESS
CAN MAKE BIG MONEY FOR YOU...

**DON'T Invest a Cent! We give you a
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It's just like having an **EXTRA payday every week**... just for showing friends, relatives and neighbors how they'll "walk you tan pass" in Masson comfort shoes! 81, buy a-man selts. 2, 4-or 6 or a pairs of fiason shoes—pon Saturday morning alone—and makes himself as much to 52600 or more for extra for 2, 4-3, hours of his time. but trxtc all has—lbuca tikt tās shoea you'se a **FREE** selling outfit containing every; leadgars, tuco ecpralt qnaty money right away. We *uavet* invest a can. And thub-what you' -earn invest.

**DON'T Invest a Cent! We give
you a FREE SELLING OUTFIT!**



HOW TO STOP CRIME



IT'S EASY TO STOP CRIME...

...once you have a go!

Why let the thrill of standing in the way ever pass you by? Discover the secrets of the athletes Foot, purse holding, and runaway trolleys against two of your own feet! Meet Turtle Man and learn everything he doesn't know! Become "A Kind Of Superhero," and even find the Port!

NO NEED TO DIG!!

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☐ **IMMEDIATE MAIL:** I will go anyway, so send me the "HOW TO STOP CRIME" instruction booklet.

☐ **C.O.D:** I'll send a man with a cap at my official Soft-Shell Society card.

Enclosed () 12¢ or I'll pay when it arrives.

Name _____

Address _____ State _____

City _____

Signature (optional, but Turtle Man insists): _____

FINE PRINT dives full and gently bent rules for Turtle Man and Soft-Shell Society's light here merhoeis. Soft-Shell Society's foe get confused, redirected, and often permanently distracted. Cape is not for at-buis flying. Vilians likdy to become passive tigh and sme. slightly misdirected.

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